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1. AMBASSADOR MAESTRONE'S SUSPICIONS THAT SAUDI DIS-
SATISFACTION WITH PDRY POLICIES WAS PRINCIPAL SUBJECT OF
RECENT GULF VISIT BY SAUDI DEPUTY FONMIN THUNAYYAN (REFTEL)
WERE CONFIRMED TO ME DURING MY MEETING WITH UAE MINSTATE
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS GHUBBASH ON OCTOBER 22. GHUBBASH SAID

SAG IS VERY UNHAPPY OVER PDRY SUPPORT FOR ETHIOPIA AND WANTED UAE TO COOL IT WITH PDRY. SAUDIS HAD NOT ACCEPTED PDRY ARGUMENT THAT IT WOULD BE MISTAKE CLOSE DOORS ALL REGIONAL STATES TO MENGISTU.

2. GHUBBASH SAID UAE WOULD OF COURSE WANT TO COORDINATE ITS ACTIONS VERY CLOSELY WITH SAUDIS. IT HAD NO INTENTION FOR MOMENT OF ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PDRY ALTHOUGH IT HAS PROVIDED SOME LOANS TO PDRY THROUGH THE ABU DHABI FUND. CHUBBASH DID REMARK, HOWEVER, THAT HE FELT SAUDIS WERE OVERREACTING . SAUDI POLICY TENDED TO BE IN BLACK OR WHITE TERMS, MEVER IN SHADES, WHEN IT CAME TO GETIONAL ISSUES. FOR LONG TIME, UAE MAD TRIED TELL SAUDIS THEY FELT SOMALIS ARE NOT MARXIST AND THAT OPPORTUNITIES EXISTED TO MOVE GSDR AWAY FROM SOVIETS. SAUDIS HAD DEMURRED. NOW, BECAUSE OF FIGHT-INT AGAINST SOVIET-BACKED MENGISTU REGIME, SAUDIS HAD SUDDENLY EMBRACED SOMALIA.

3. GHUBBASH HOPED THAT SAUDIS WOULD, ON REFLECTION , GIVE FURTHER THOUGHT BEFORE SHIFTING GEARS RE PDRY. A START HAD BEEN MADE, LARGELY BECAUSE OF SAUDIS, TO BRING PDRY IDEALOGUES AROUND AND IT WOULD BE SHAME TO LOSE THIS PROGRESS.
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